

# **INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY SUSPECT DECEASED

**INCIDENT:** ON-DUTY, HIT SHOOTING

**IAB FILE NUMBER:** SH2242537

**URN#:** 009-08312-2111-013

**DATE / TIME:** SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009, 2040 HOURS

**LOCATION:** [REDACTED] SANTA FE AVENUE, LYNWOOD

**INVOLVED DEPUTIES:** [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] # [REDACTED]  
SGT. JOSHUA BARDON # [REDACTED]  
FRED ELLROTT # [REDACTED]  
EDWARD MARTINEZ # [REDACTED]  
ERIC SORENSEN # [REDACTED]  
GREGORY BOLING # [REDACTED]  
NOAH CORRALES # [REDACTED]  
ANTONIO GARCIA # [REDACTED]

**SUSPECT:** ALFREDO MONTALVO MH/29 (DECEASED)

### Opening Statement

On Sunday, April 26, 2009, Internal Affairs Investigators Sergeant Ben Garcia, Sergeant Dave Flores and Lieutenant Alicia Ault responded to the city of Lynwood regarding an on-duty hit shooting which resulted in the death of Suspect Alfredo Montalvo.

### Synopsis

On Sunday, April 26, 2009, Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], Unit 212N1, were working overtime at a Lynwood Anti-Cruising Operation out of Century Station in an unmarked Sheriff's detective unit. While stopped at a red light on

eastbound Imperial Highway at California Avenue, they saw a Gray Nissan Maxima drive off of the curb in front of the "Circle K" parking lot. The vehicle was "blacked out" (no headlights) and was traveling at a high rate of speed. The vehicle continued onto Imperial Highway and then drove north on California Avenue.

Detective [REDACTED] and Detective [REDACTED] activated their emergency red light in an attempt to stop the fleeing vehicle. The driver of the Maxima did not stop the vehicle and increased his speed. Detective [REDACTED] initially put out emergent radio traffic that he was in pursuit of a possible reckless drunk driver. Detective [REDACTED] updated his radio traffic to pursuit of a possible 211 vehicle and asked for an assisting unit to check the Circle K to see if it had been robbed. The driver of the Maxima reached speeds over 50 mph on residential streets and did not stop at several stop signs.

The pursuit continued for two minutes and five seconds, until the suspect vehicle crashed into a parked car at Santa Fe Avenue and Norton Avenue. The impact of the collision caused the parked vehicle to be pushed onto the adjoining sidewalk. As responding units arrived, Detective [REDACTED] gave commands to the suspect to exit the vehicle with his hands up. Detective [REDACTED] saw the suspect move around inside the vehicle, but he ignored commands to exit the vehicle.

The vehicle's brake lights illuminated, followed by the reverse lights. The suspect revved his vehicle's engine and backed his vehicle into the pursuing unmarked unit, which had stopped directly behind it. When the suspect's vehicle collided with the unmarked unit, it pushed the radio car backwards. The collision caused injury to two (2) deputies and one (1) sergeant, all of which were using the unmarked vehicle as cover.

Deputy Robert Galbraith, who had positioned himself behind the open passenger door of the unmarked car, was struck by the open door as the vehicle was pushed backward. The force of the door caused Deputy Galbraith to fall backwards toward the ground, injuring his left wrist and elbow. Detective [REDACTED] who was positioned behind the open driver's side door, was struck in his left knee by the door. Sergeant Bardon, who was positioned on the vehicle's passenger side near the rear of the vehicle, was injured when the unmarked vehicle rolled onto his left foot and pinned it under the right rear tire.

The suspect's vehicle lunged forward after the collision with the unmarked vehicle. The suspect again backed his vehicle and angled it toward the unmarked vehicle. Several deputies fired at the suspect to prevent him from running over Deputy Galbraith or injuring any other deputies. After the deputies fired their weapons at the suspect, his vehicle stopped moving. The deputies formed an arrest team and approached the suspect's vehicle. Due to the damage to the suspect's vehicle, the deputies were unable to open the driver's side door to remove the suspect from the vehicle.

LA County Paramedics removed the suspect from his vehicle and treated him for multiple gunshot wounds. The suspect was transported to Saint Francis Medical Center in Lynwood via ambulance. He was pronounced dead by Dr. Jonathon Prior on April 27, 2009, at 1430 hours. The cause of death was determined through autopsy to be multiple gunshot wounds to the head and axillary region, which caused fatal injuries (see page 165 of the homicide book for further) [Exhibit A].

Sheriff's Department Traffic Services Detail responded to the collision scene to complete a factual diagram of this incident [Exhibit B].

#### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION:**

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the fatal shooting of Alfredo Montalvo involving Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], Reserve Deputy Fred Ellrott, Deputies Edward Martinez, Eric Sorensen, Gregory Boling, Noah Corrales, and Antonio Garcia, and Sergeant Joshua Bardon. In their Letter of Opinion, dated December 23, 2009, they concluded the deputies and sergeant acted lawfully in self-defense and in the defense of others [Exhibit C].

#### **Involved Personnel**

Detective [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]  
Major Crimes Bureau, Detective Division

#### **Work History**

Date of Employment: 03/09/1983

Date Assigned to Patrol: [REDACTED]

Date Completed Patrol Training: [REDACTED]

Date Assigned to Detective Division: 10/1993

Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]

Prior Founded Force Incident(s): [REDACTED]

Detective [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]  
Century Station, Field Operations Region II

**Work History**

Date of Employment: 05/18/1989  
Date Assigned to Patrol: [REDACTED]  
Date Completed Patrol Training: [REDACTED]  
Date Assigned to Century Station: 09/1994  
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]

Prior Founded Force Incident(s): [REDACTED]

Sergeant Joshua Bardon # [REDACTED]  
Century Station, Field Operations Region II

**Work History**

Date of Employment: 02/03/2000  
Date Assigned to Patrol: [REDACTED]  
Date Completed Patrol Training: [REDACTED]  
Date Assigned to Century Station: 09/2008  
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]  
Prior Founded Force Incident(s): [REDACTED]

Reserve Deputy Frederick Ellrott # [REDACTED]  
Century Station, Field Operations Region II

**Work History**

Date of Employment: 02/11/2001  
Date Assigned to Patrol: [REDACTED]  
Date Completed Patrol Training: [REDACTED]  
Date Assigned to Century Station: 02/2008  
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]  
Prior Founded Force Incident(s): [REDACTED]

**Deputy Edward Martinez #** [REDACTED]  
Century Station, Field Operations Region II

**Work History**

**Date of Employment:** 03/23/2005  
**Date Assigned to Patrol:** [REDACTED]  
**Date Completed Patrol Training:** [REDACTED]  
**Date Assigned to Century Station:** 04/2008  
**Prior Shooting Incident(s):** [REDACTED]

**Prior Founded Force Incident(s):** [REDACTED]

**Deputy Eric Sorensen #** [REDACTED]  
Century Station, Field Operations Region II

**Work History**

**Date of Employment:** 09/30/1997  
**Date Assigned to Patrol:** [REDACTED]  
**Date Completed Patrol Training:** [REDACTED]  
**Date Assigned to Century Station:** 01/2008  
**Prior Shooting Incident(s):** [REDACTED]  
**Prior Founded Force Incident(s):** [REDACTED]

**Deputy Gregory Boling #** [REDACTED]  
Century Station, Field Operations Region II

**Work History**

**Date of Employment:** 07/10/2003  
**Date Assigned to Patrol:** [REDACTED]  
**Date Completed Patrol Training:** [REDACTED]  
**Date Assigned to Century Station:** 10/2007  
**Prior Shooting Incident(s):** [REDACTED]  
**Prior Founded Force Incident(s):** [REDACTED]

**Deputy Noah Corrales #** [REDACTED]  
Century Station, Field Operations Region II

**Work History**

**Date of Employment:** 08/16/2001

Date Assigned to Patrol: [REDACTED]  
Date Completed Patrol Training: [REDACTED]  
Date Assigned to Century Station: 07/2007  
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]

Prior Founded Force Incident(s): [REDACTED]

Deputy Antonio Garcia # [REDACTED]  
Century Station, Field Operations Region II

**Work History**

Date of Employment: 01/07/1998  
Date Assigned to Patrol: [REDACTED]  
Date Completed Patrol Training: [REDACTED]  
Date Assigned to Century Station: 08/2005  
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]

Prior Founded Force Incident(s): [REDACTED]

**Suspect**

Alfredo Montalvo MH/29  
DOB: 12/12/1979  
Deceased CC# 2009-02968

**Physical Evidence**

All physical evidence was located and collected by Homicide investigators and Scientific Services Bureau personnel. For descriptions of the evidence collected and the locations collected from, see the Homicide Investigation Book [Exhibit A] pages 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154.

**Weapon used by Deputy [REDACTED]**

Twelve (12) rounds fired from a Department issued Beretta, Model 92F, 9 mm semi-automatic pistol.

**Weapon used by Deputy [REDACTED]**

Six (6) rounds fired from a Department authorized Heckler and Koch, .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol.

**Weapon used by Sergeant Joshua Bardon**

Seven (7) rounds fired from a Department issued Berretta, Model 92F, 9 mm semi-automatic pistol.

**Weapon used by Reserve Deputy Frederick Ellrott**

Three (3) rounds fired from a Department issued Ithaca .12 gauge shotgun.

**Weapon used by Deputy Edward Martinez**

Thirteen (13) rounds fired from a Department issued Beretta, Model 92F, 9 mm semi-automatic pistol.

**Weapon used by Deputy Eric Sorensen**

One (1) round fired from a Department authorized Heckler and Koch, .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol.

**Weapon used by Deputy Gregory Boling**

Six (6) rounds fired from a Department issued Beretta, Model 92F, 9 mm semi-automatic pistol.

**Weapon used by Deputy Noah Corrales**

Nine (9) rounds fired from a Department issued Beretta, Model 92F, 9 mm semi-automatic pistol.

**Weapon used by Deputy Antonio Garcia**

Three (3) rounds fired from a Department authorized Heckler and Koch, .45 calib

**Weapon used by Suspect Alfredo Montalvo**

1996 Nissan Maxima, 4-door, silver, [REDACTED].



## **IAB Interview of Detective [REDACTED]**

On June 28, 2010, at approximately 1004 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators Sergeant Jessica Brothers and Sergeant Trent Denison interviewed Witness Detective [REDACTED] at Internal Affairs Bureau. Representing Witness Detective [REDACTED] in this interview was Anna Slotky from the law firm of Green and Shinee. The following is a summary of that interview.

Detective [REDACTED] and his partner, Detective [REDACTED] were working the Anti-Cruising Task Force. Detective [REDACTED] was the book man and Detective [REDACTED] was the driver. While they were stopped at the red light, on eastbound Imperial Highway at California Avenue, Deputy [REDACTED]'s attention was drawn to a vehicle that came out of the Circle K parking lot on the southeast corner. The vehicle was blacked out when it came out of the parking lot. It exited between the traffic light and the bus bench, jumped off of the curb, and proceeded northbound on California.

Detective [REDACTED] and his partner believed the vehicle was involved in some type of incident, due to the way that it left the location and not using the driveway. Detective [REDACTED] attempted to conduct a traffic stop by activating the solid red light and hitting the horn a couple of times. The vehicle did not yield.

Detective [REDACTED] saw the suspect vehicle cross Norton Avenue without stopping at the stop sign. Detective [REDACTED] activated the siren and the lights on the vehicle to initiate a traffic stop. The vehicle did not yield and continued westbound on Norton towards Long Beach Boulevard. Detective [REDACTED] initiated emergent radio traffic, over the patch, that they were in pursuit of a possible "deuce" and then later put out a possible 211 suspect, due to the way he took off out of the Circle-K market.

Detective [REDACTED] stated the pursuit continued for approximately 90 seconds to 2 minutes. The suspect drove through several stop signs and red lights during the pursuit, as it continued onto Long Beach Boulevard, Norton Avenue, Barlow, Pluma, and back towards Long Beach Boulevard.

Detective [REDACTED] advised SCC and responding units of the traffic conditions via the patch. Detective [REDACTED] requested another unit to take over the pursuit since they were in a unmarked vehicle, but the way the maneuvering was done, a marked unit was not able to take over. As the vehicle returned to Norton in the westbound lane, it veered to the right at an oncoming radio car that was approaching it. Detective [REDACTED] saw the radio car veer to the south curb to avoid being hit.

Detective [REDACTED] saw the suspect's vehicle maneuver between an SUV, which was traveling also westbound Norton and another vehicle that was traveling eastbound Norton, and go between them. This caused the detectives to slow down because we couldn't get around the traffic. Detective [REDACTED] saw the vehicle continue westbound

on Norton going through the stop sign on Santa Fe and then out of view. Detective [REDACTED] and Detective [REDACTED] continued westbound on Norton . (See pursuit evaluation form for additional information) [Exhibit D].

When Detective [REDACTED] arrived at the intersection of Santa Fe and Norton Avenue, he saw the suspect's vehicle had collided with two parked vehicles and the driver's door was wedged by a vehicle that was parked to the south of him and the passenger door was wedged by a vehicle which was to the north of him. Detective [REDACTED] requested paramedics respond to his location to treat the suspect for possible injuries from the traffic collision.

**IAB Note: The intersection of Santa Fe Avenue and Norton Avenue is a "T" intersection. Refer to the Traffic Services Detail's factual diagram on page 1 of [Exhibit B].**

Detective [REDACTED] stated Detective [REDACTED] parked approximately ten feet behind the suspect's vehicle and illuminated the interior of the vehicle with the spotlights and headlights. Detective [REDACTED] exited the vehicle and initiated commands to the suspect as Detective [REDACTED] exited the vehicle and updated responding units to their location via his radio

Detective [REDACTED] saw the driver continually reach under the seat for something, but he could not tell what it was. Detective [REDACTED] continued to update the suspect's movements over the radio. A few seconds later, Detective [REDACTED] saw the vehicle's reverse lights turn on. The vehicle then accelerated back towards the detectives and collided with their vehicle, causing the unmarked vehicle to roll back. Detective [REDACTED] estimated the time from when he arrived at the scene of the suspect's collision to the time the suspect backed into them to be approximately 30 seconds.

Detective [REDACTED] heard Detective [REDACTED] make a sound as if he was hurt and he saw a deputy fall when the suspect's vehicle struck his car. Deputy [REDACTED] saw the tires spinning and the reverse lights illuminate for a second time. Believing the suspect's vehicle would further injure the deputy on the ground or additional deputies, Detective [REDACTED] fired a volley of 12 rounds at the suspect.

Detective [REDACTED] stated he stopped firing at the suspect because the vehicle stopped moving and he no longer perceived the suspect as a threat. He advised over the radio that a shooting occurred. An arrest team was formed and they secured the suspect.

#### **IAB Interview of Detective [REDACTED]**

On June 22, 2010, at approximately 1050 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators Sergeant Jessica Brothers and Sergeant Trent Denison interviewed Witness Detective

██████ at Internal Affairs Bureau Representing Witness Detective ██████ in this interview was Anna Slotky from the law firm of Green and Shinee. The following is a summary of that interview.

Detective ██████ and his partner, Detective ██████, were working overtime for the Anti-Cruising Task Force. Detective ██████ was the driver of their unmarked detective vehicle, which was equipped with a solid red light, spotlights and a siren.

While Detective ██████ was stopped on eastbound on Imperial Highway at California, he saw a dark color compact vehicle drive off of the curb in front of the Circle K parking lot at a high rate of speed. There were sparks coming from the vehicle as it continued north on California. Detective ██████ believed the vehicle was possibly involved in a robbery of the Circle K, so he positioned his vehicle behind it and attempted to initiate a traffic stop. The vehicle failed to stop for a stop sign and continued onto westbound Norton Avenue. Detective ██████, who was the bookman, initiated 10-33 radio traffic that they were in pursuit of the vehicle. The pursuit continued from Norton to Long Beach Boulevard, to northbound Barlow, eastbound Pluma and back to southbound Long Beach Boulevard. Detective ██████ estimated his speed to be approximately 45 to 50 mph. The vehicle continued on to westbound Norton, when Detective ██████ suddenly saw tail lights and dust. (For additional information, see pursuit evaluation form, [Exhibit D]).

As Detective ██████ moved closer, it appeared to him the suspect vehicle struck a parked car with such force, it was moved onto the sidewalk. Detective ██████ positioned his vehicle behind the suspect, offset to the left, in order to conduct a "modified felony traffic stop." He exited his vehicle and took a position behind the open driver's door, using the engine block as cover. Detective ██████ drew his gun and gave the suspect commands to exit the vehicle, as several additional patrol units arrived on scene.

Detective ██████ saw the suspect vehicle's reverse lights turn on and the vehicle backed into his vehicle. The collision caused the driver's door to strike Detective ██████ in his left knee. Detective ██████ said he fired five rounds at the suspect upon impact.

**IAB Note: Detective ██████ told Homicide Investigators he fired 3 to 4 rounds at the suspect (See page 7 of ██████'s Homicide interview transcript). Homicide Investigators counted Detective ██████'s remaining rounds and determined he fired 6 rounds (See page 11 of Homicide interview transcript).**

After he fired his volley of rounds, Detective ██████ said he yelled, "Cease fire!" He reassessed and retreated to the rear (trunk area) of his vehicle. Due to his injured knee, Detective ██████ did not participate in the arrest team.

## **IAB Interview of Sergeant Joshua Bardon**

On June 9, 2010, at approximately 1046 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators Sergeant Jessica Brothers and Sergeant Trent Denison interviewed Witness Sergeant Bardon at Internal Affairs Bureau. Witness Sergeant Bardon chose not to have representation with him during the interview. The following is a summary of that interview.

Sergeant Bardon was working Century Station patrol as 212 Sam, when he heard a unit as for the patch on L-Tac. Seconds later, he heard unit 212 Nora was in pursuit of a reckless deuce vehicle. Sergeant Bardon was responding toward the pursuit from Century Station, when he heard the vehicle had been involved in a traffic collision and stopped at the intersection of Norton and Santa Fe. Sergeant Bardon stopped his vehicle north of the unmarked vehicle.

Sergeant Bardon saw Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] detaining the suspect at gunpoint inside his vehicle. Sergeant Bardon retrieved the taser from his vehicle and took a position behind Detective [REDACTED], who was on the passenger side of the vehicle.

Sergeant Bardon heard Detective [REDACTED] over the radio updating the suspect's actions, as verbal commands were being given. The suspect was not complying with any of the orders and reached under his seat several times. Sergeant Bardon started talking to Detective [REDACTED] about putting together a plan involving designated shooters and an arrest team.

Sergeant Bardon suddenly heard Detective [REDACTED] say, "It looks like he's trying to reverse it back towards us." Sergeant Bardon saw the reverse lights come on and the vehicle accelerated back quickly, striking the unmarked vehicle. When Sergeant Bardon saw the vehicle, he simultaneously took a step back and his left foot was pinned under the right rear tire. He saw Detective [REDACTED] try to move out of the vehicle's path, but he believed Detective [REDACTED] would be struck by the vehicle's open door.

Sergeant Bardon fired three rounds at the suspect from his Department-issued Beretta, over the roof of the unmarked vehicle. He said his sight picture was the rear window of the suspect's vehicle, concentrated where the driver's head would be, or the back seat area. Sergeant Bardon saw the backdrop was a house with a raised yard, but his aim was angled downward and would have gone towards the grass, if he missed the suspect. He reassessed and saw his first volley of rounds were not effective. Sergeant Bardon fired four more rounds, as he was still pinned under the tire. After his second volley of rounds, the suspect's vehicle stopped moving toward the unmarked vehicle. The unmarked vehicle rolled forward and freed his foot.

Sergeant Bardon heard verbal commands being given to the suspect, but he did not comply. Sergeant [REDACTED] put together an approach team and secured the suspect so he could be treated by paramedics.

### **IAB Interview of Reserve Deputy Frederick Ellrott**

On June 22, 2010, at approximately 1015 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators Sergeant Jessica Brothers and Sergeant Trent Denison interviewed Witness Reserve Deputy Ellrott at Internal Affairs Bureau. Representing Witness Deputy Ellrott in this interview was Anna Slotky from the law firm of Green and Shinee. The following is a summary of that interview.

Reserve Deputy Ellrott was working overtime for the Anti-Cruising Task Force at Century Station. He heard radio traffic that another unit was in pursuit.

**IAB Note: In his interview with Homicide, Deputy Ellrott said the pursuit was of a possible reckless drunk driver (See page 40 of Homicide book, [Exhibit A]).**

Deputy Ellrott said he was stuck in traffic and could not enter the pursuit. He realized the suspect was making a circle on surface streets, so Deputy Ellrott decided to try to deploy the spike strip, in an effort to end the pursuit. Deputy Ellrott heard radio traffic that the suspect was not making a second circle of the area, so he monitored the pursuit on the radio and stayed in the area of the pursuit.

Deputy Ellrott heard over the radio the suspect was involved in a traffic collision at Santa Fe Avenue and Norton Avenue, so he responded to that location. Deputy Ellrott said he was the third or fourth unit on scene and he parked south of the patrol units. Deputy Ellrott retrieved the shotgun from his vehicle and took a tactical position behind the engine block of a black and white patrol car.

**IAB Note: In his interview with Homicide, Deputy Ellrott said he took a position along the driver's side of unit 212N (See page 40 of Homicide book, [Exhibit A]).**

Deputy Ellrott heard deputies giving the suspect commands to turn the vehicle off and to show his hands. He heard radio traffic that the suspect was reaching under his seat, which Deputy Ellrott was able to see from his vantage point. Deputy Ellrott saw the suspect look over his left shoulder toward him and another deputy. The suspect reached up, put the vehicle into reverse and accelerated back, colliding with the unmarked patrol vehicle and pushing it backwards.

Deputy Ellrott heard someone yell out in pain and saw someone fall to the ground. The suspect moved his vehicle forward and then he started to accelerate backward for a second time. Deputy Ellrott feared the fallen deputy was about to be run over, so he fired 2 rounds of double-ought buckshot at the driver, from his Department-issued Ithaca shotgun.

The suspect's vehicle came to a rest and Deputy Ellrott heard radio traffic indicating a deputy-involved shooting had just occurred. He also heard several people yell, "Cease fire!" Deputy Ellrott said he had a good line of sight on the suspect, so he maintained his position until the arrest team approached the suspect and secured him.

### **IAB Interview of Deputy Edward Martinez**

On June 21, 2010, at approximately 1013 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators Sergeant Jessica Brothers and Sergeant Trent Denison interviewed Witness Deputy Martinez at Internal Affairs Bureau. Representing Witness Deputy Martinez in this interview was Anna Slotky from the law firm of Green and Shinee. The following is a summary of that interview.

Deputy Martinez and his partner, Deputy Bonilla, were working Century Station patrol when they heard radio traffic of a pursuit. Deputy Martinez was unsure if the pursuing unit gave a reason for the pursuit.

**IAB Note: In his interview with Homicide, Deputy Martinez said the pursuit was of a reckless drunk driver (See page 31 of Homicide book, [Exhibit A]).**

Deputy Martinez and Deputy Bonilla entered into the pursuit, as the second vehicle, at Long Beach Boulevard and Norton Avenue. Deputy Martinez did not remember the exact route of the pursuit, but said the suspect took them in a circle.

Deputy Martinez said he did not see the suspect vehicle collide into parked cars at Santa Fe and Norton, but he heard radio traffic indicating the collision had occurred. When he arrived, Deputy Martinez parked at an angle along the unmarked vehicle's left side to initiate a felony traffic stop. Deputy Martinez exited his vehicle and took a position at his driver's side door, using the engine block as cover.

Deputy Martinez said he and other deputies gave the suspect commands to show his hands, but he did not comply and continued to make furtive movements under his seat. Deputy Martinez saw the suspect's vehicle reverse backwards and strike the unmarked vehicle. Simultaneously, Deputy Martinez heard someone, who he believed to be a deputy, groan in pain. Deputy Martinez said he saw the suspect's vehicle move forward and then it started to reverse a second time and angled toward the deputies by the unmarked vehicle.

Deputy Martinez feared the vehicle was going to strike deputies, so he fired 10 to 13 rounds at the suspect from his Department-issued Beretta. Deputy Martinez said he stopped firing his weapon because the suspect was no longer backing his vehicle toward the deputies. He also heard someone yell, "Stop firing!" Deputy Martinez ejected his magazine, which fell to the ground, and reloaded his weapon. Deputy Martinez said he was not part of the approach team.

### **IAB Interview of Deputy Eric Sorensen**

On June 21, 2010, at approximately 1345 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators Sergeant Jessica Brothers and Sergeant Trent Denison interviewed Witness Deputy Sorensen at Internal Affairs Bureau. Representing Witness Deputy Sorensen in this interview was Anna Slotky from the law firm of Green and Shinee. The following is a summary of that interview.

Deputy Sorensen was assigned to Century Station patrol and had a civilian volunteer ride-along, [REDACTED], with him when he heard Detective [REDACTED]'s radio traffic of a pursuit of a reckless deuce. Deputy Sorensen realized he was close to the pursuit location, so he blocked traffic at Long Beach Boulevard and Pluma for the pursuit. After the pursuit vehicles passed, Deputy Sorensen entered the pursuit as the third or fourth vehicle. Deputy Sorensen was delayed by traffic during the pursuit and heard over the radio that the suspect crashed at Santa Fe Avenue and Norton Avenue

When Deputy Sorensen arrived, he saw several deputies had their guns drawn at the suspect's vehicle, so he deployed his taser. He gave Witness [REDACTED] direction to stand behind his vehicle for cover, which was parked behind the unmarked vehicle. Deputy Sorensen took a position next to Deputy Bonilla, along the driver's side of the unmarked car.

Deputy Sorensen heard verbal commands being given to the suspect, but the suspect moved around in his vehicle. Deputy Sorensen saw the suspect's reverse lights come on and he heard the engine rev. The suspect's vehicle lurched back and struck the unmarked car, pushing it backward. Simultaneously, Deputy Sorensen heard a sound that he described as a deputy being run over. Deputy Sorensen saw the vehicle move forward and then it began to back up toward the unmarked car for a second time. Deputy Sorensen feared at least one deputy was already run over and more deputies could be injured or killed, so he fired 1 round at the suspect from his Department-authorized Heckler and Koch .45 caliber, semi-automatic pistol.

Deputy Sorensen said he was assigned to the tactical approach team, as the shield deputy, and secured the suspect.

## **IAB Interview of Deputy Gregory Boling**

On July 1, 2010, at approximately 1436 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators Sergeant Jessica Brothers and Sergeant Trent Denison interviewed Witness Deputy Boling at Internal Affairs Bureau. Representing Witness Deputy Boling in this interview was Anna Slotky from the law firm of Green and Shinee. The following is a summary of that interview.

Deputy Boling and his partner, Deputy Corrales, were working overtime with the Anti-Cruising Task Force, when he heard a unit go in pursuit of a reckless DUI driver and possibly a 211 vehicle. Deputy Boling said he and Deputy Corrales were near the pursuit location and they entered the pursuit as the third unit as it passed Long Beach Boulevard. Deputy Corrales was driving, so Deputy Boling was unsure of their exact speed. Deputy Boling said the suspect gained some distance from them, so he did not see the suspect's collision at Santa Fe Avenue and Norton Avenue. Deputy Corrales positioned their vehicle to the right (north) of the unmarked car.

Deputy Boling took a position on the passenger side of his vehicle, near the engine block. He heard commands being given to the suspect, but the suspect appeared to be reaching under his seat. Deputy Boling saw the suspect vehicle's reverse lights come on. The vehicle then reversed "aggressively" and struck the unmarked car. Simultaneously, Deputy Boling heard a deputy groan and saw a deputy fall backwards. Deputy Boling said the car bounced forward and then reversed back toward the unmarked car.

Deputy Boling said he believed the suspect would run over the fallen deputy, so he fired 4 to 6 rounds from his Department-issued Beretta at the suspect, as he accelerated his vehicle back the second time. Deputy Boling said he saw a rescue team and an arrest team being formed, but he was not a part of either team.

## **IAB Interview of Deputy Noah Corrales**

On June 21, 2010, at approximately 1210 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators Sergeant Jessica Brothers and Sergeant Trent Denison interviewed Witness Deputy Corrales at Internal Affairs Bureau. Representing Witness Deputy Corrales in this interview was Anna Slotky from the law firm of Green and Shinee. The following is a summary of that interview.

Deputy Corrales and his partner, Deputy Boling, were working overtime with the Anti-Cruising Task Force, when he heard a unit go in pursuit. Deputy Corrales was near the pursuit location and they entered the pursuit as the third unit as it passed Long Beach Boulevard. The pursuit went in a circle on surface streets. Deputy Corrales backed off from the pursuit on Norton because of numerous dips in the road. Shortly after that,



Deputy Corrales heard via radio traffic that the suspect vehicle crashed. Deputy Corrales responded to the scene of the crash and positioned his vehicle to the right (north) of the unmarked car. Deputy Corrales exited his vehicle, took a position behind his driver's door and drew his weapon at the suspect. A deputy was giving the suspect commands to show his hands, but he did not comply.

Deputy Corrales saw the suspect vehicle's reverse lights come on and the vehicle accelerated backwards, striking the unmarked car. Deputy Corrales saw Sergeant Bardon's foot appeared to be pinned under the tire and he could not move. He also saw Deputy Galbraith was knocked to the ground. Deputy Corrales believed the vehicle was still moving back and would further injure the deputies and sergeant, so he fired 4 rounds from his Department-issued Beretta.

Deputy Corrales stopped firing and reassessed. The suspect's car moved forward, but then began accelerating back for a second time. Deputy Corrales fired 5 additional rounds from his weapon at the suspect. After Deputy Corrales fired the second volley of rounds, he heard a sergeant yell, "Cease fire!"

Deputy Corrales said a was a member of the tactical approach team, as one of the capturing deputies. When he approached the vehicle, he saw the suspect was unresponsive.

#### **IAB Interview of Deputy Antonio Garcia**

On July 1, 2010, at approximately 1515 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators Sergeant Jessica Brothers and Sergeant Trent Denison interviewed Witness Deputy Garcia at Internal Affairs Bureau. Representing Witness Deputy Garcia in this interview was Anna Slotky from the law firm of Green and Shinee. The following is a summary of that interview.

Deputy Garcia said he was working Century Station patrol when he heard radio traffic that a unit was in pursuit of a possible 211 vehicle. Deputy Garcia realized the pursuit was traveling in a circle, so he paralleled the pursuit on Martin Luther King Boulevard until it terminated at Norton Avenue and Santa Fe Avenue.

When Deputy Garcia arrived at the scene, it appeared the suspect vehicle had collided with a parked vehicle and there were numerous patrol cars behind it. Deputy Garcia exited his vehicle and took a position behind a radio car that was in front of him for cover.

**IAB Note: During his interview with Homicide, Deputy Garcia indicated he took a position of cover behind vehicle SD3399. See Homicide book page 36, [Exhibit A].**

Deputy Garcia heard the handling unit give the suspect orders to put his hands up, but Deputy Garcia did not initially see any movement in the vehicle. Suddenly, Deputy Garcia saw the suspect sit up, put the car in reverse and back into the unmarked car. Simultaneously, Deputy Garcia heard a deputy moan and saw a deputy fall to the ground. As the suspect's vehicle pushed against the unmarked car, it lifted the front end of the vehicle. The suspect's vehicle appeared to bounce off of the unmarked car. The suspect accelerated the car and backed toward unmarked car a second time. Deputy Garcia feared the suspect would possibly kill a deputy when he struck the car again, so he fired 3 rounds from his Department-authorized Heckler and Koch, .45 caliber, semi-automatic pistol at the suspect. Deputy Garcia stopped firing his weapon when he heard someone yell, "Cease fire!" Deputy Garcia said he was not on the arrest team that secured the suspect.

### Witnesses

The following civilian witness were interviewed by Homicide Investigators Sheehy and Guzman. This is a summary of those interviews.

Witness [REDACTED] stated he lived directly in front of the terminus of the pursuit, at [REDACTED] Santa Fe Avenue. Mr. [REDACTED] said neither he nor anyone else was at home at the time the pursuit ended, but he arrived home shortly thereafter. Mr. [REDACTED] said his mother owns two of the parked vehicles that were struck by the suspect's vehicle (for further see page 67 of the Homicide book) [Exhibit A].

Witness [REDACTED] stated he was at home, [REDACTED], at the time the pursuit ended. Mr. [REDACTED] stated he was at home watching television and was unaware of anything going on until he heard shooting in front of his house. Mr. [REDACTED] said he dove to the floor for cover and didn't get up until the shooting stopped. Mr. [REDACTED] said he did not see the end of the pursuit and only heard the gunfire (for further see page 67 of the Homicide book) [Exhibit A].

Witness [REDACTED] stated she was inside her house at [REDACTED] when she noticed the flashing lights from the black and white radio cars outside. Mrs. [REDACTED] said she went to her laundry room window and looked out to the front of her house. She saw a dark colored car had crashed into one of her neighbor's cars, which was south of her house. Mrs. [REDACTED] saw several black and white police cars surrounding the car that struck her neighbor's vehicle.

As Mrs. [REDACTED] continued to look out her window, she saw the car (that had struck her neighbor's vehicle) back up and crash into one of the police cars. After the car struck the police car, she heard gunfire coming from the deputies, toward the driver of the car.

Mrs. [REDACTED] did not hear the deputies say anything and she could not see the driver of the vehicle. She ran into one of her back rooms for cover when the gunfire started and she did not see anything after that (for further see page 67-68 of the Homicide book) [Exhibit A].

[REDACTED]

Witness [REDACTED] said she was involved in a traffic accident near the "Circle K" store at Imperial Highway and California Avenue. She was stopped at the signal on northbound California Avenue when she was rear-ended by another car. Mrs. [REDACTED] saw the car that struck her drive away fast and almost hit a pedestrian. The vehicle that struck her car then drove through the "Circle K" parking lot and then north on California Avenue. She described the vehicle as light tan, with a young, Hispanic driver. Witness [REDACTED] was treated by paramedics for neck and head pain, as a result of the collision.

[REDACTED]

Witness [REDACTED] said he was standing at the bus stop on Imperial Highway at California Avenue, when he saw a small gray car rear-end a black car that was stopped for the red light on northbound California Avenue. Mr. [REDACTED] saw the driver, and sole occupant of the vehicle, was a male Hispanic.

After observing the collision, Mr. [REDACTED] walked across the "Circle K" parking lot, toward a pay phone. Mr. [REDACTED] saw grey car enter the "Circle K" parking lot, drive through it and exit by driving over and off of the curb onto Imperial Highway. Mr. [REDACTED] said the car drove between a pole and the phone booth and he had to dive out of the way to avoid being hit. Mr. [REDACTED] said the car accelerated so fast as it drove through the parking lot and off of the curb that he felt a gust of wind as the car nearly hit him. Mr. [REDACTED] stated he looked directly into the car as it was approaching him and noticed the driver was looking directly at him as it continued to accelerate out of the parking lot.

Mr. [REDACTED] saw a "narc" car traveling east on Imperial Highway that immediately started chasing the small gray car, as they both continued north onto California Avenue and out of view (for further see pages 68-69 of the Homicide book) [Exhibit A].



Sergeant Ewing noticed the suspect vehicle appeared to be wedged into the curb between two cars. Sergeant Ewing saw Detective [REDACTED] standing in the driver's side door frame of the unmarked car and Detective [REDACTED] standing on the opposite side of the vehicle in the open passengers' door frame. Sergeant Ewing noticed Detective Darrell Edwards standing to the right of Detective [REDACTED], by the edge of the door. Sergeant Ewing heard deputies giving the suspect orders to get out of the car and Detective [REDACTED] yell the suspect was reaching beneath the seat. Sergeant Ewing stated there were several times that he saw the suspect put his hands out of the driver's side window, but he only held them there for a couple of seconds.

Sergeant Ewing heard Sergeant Bardon ask for a deputy to get the shield out of his radio car. He heard the deputies give the suspect orders to get out of the car for approximately thirty seconds. The suspect vehicle's reverse lights suddenly illuminated, the vehicle accelerated in reverse and started to turn slightly to its right as it backed up. Sergeant Ewing stated the suspect vehicle then slammed into the detective unit and pushed it back approximately one foot.

Sergeant Ewing heard several deputies fire their weapons at the suspect vehicle in an attempt to get him to stop. Sergeant Ewing did not fire his weapon due to the fact that several deputies were in his line of fire.

Sergeant Ewing backed up approximately three to four feet to avoid being hit by the detective's unit. He estimated the shooting lasted no more than ten seconds. When the shooting ceased, the deputies formed a rescue team in an attempt to contain and arrest the suspect. Sergeant Ewing estimated the time from the cease fire to when the arrest team approached the suspect to be approximately two to three minutes (for further see pages 69-71 of the Homicide book) [Exhibit A].

#### **Deputy Gregory Campbell**

Witness Deputy Campbell was working with Deputy Galbraith on Century's Crime Impact Team when he heard a pursuit broadcast over the radio. Deputy Campbell said he responded to the terminus of the pursuit and saw several radio cars at the location. Deputy Campbell said he took a position behind and to the right of the unmarked radio car, while Deputy Galbraith positioned himself on the passenger side of the unit. Deputy Campbell saw the suspect's vehicle on top of the curb, facing west, and heard its engine running.

Sergeant [REDACTED] handed Deputy Campbell the stunbag gun. Deputy Campbell saw the reverse lights on the suspect's car and heard the vehicle rev its engine. Deputy Campbell said the suspect's car backed up and collided with the unmarked radio car. He saw Deputy Galbraith thrown backward and Detective [REDACTED] "buckled" from the impact of the vehicles. Deputy Campbell then heard gunfire for several seconds.

Deputy Campbell stated he was a designated shooter for the arrest team that subsequently secured the suspect, who was still inside of his vehicle (for further see page 71 of the Homicide book) [Exhibit A].

### **Detective Darell Edwards**

Witness Detective Edwards said he was working overtime as a City of Lynwood patrol unit when he heard Detective [REDACTED] broadcast over the patch that he was in pursuit of a vehicle. Detective Edwards saw the pursuit coming in his direction at State Street and Norton Avenue. The suspect vehicle veered toward Detective Edwards and he had to apply his brakes to avoid a collision with the suspect's vehicle. Detective Edwards estimated the suspect's vehicle was 35 to 40 feet away from him when it suddenly changed direction and drove away from him. Detective Edwards heard Detective [REDACTED] broadcast over the radio that the suspect just attempted to ram a radio car.

The suspect's vehicle continued west on Norton Avenue and Detective Edwards said he joined the pursuit as the fourth vehicle. Shortly after Detective Edwards joined the pursuit, he heard Detective [REDACTED] broadcast that the suspect's vehicle collided into a house. Detective Edwards did not see the actual collision, but he heard it.

When Detective Edwards arrived at the scene of the collision, he saw the suspect's vehicle had collided with another vehicle, which was parked along the west sidewalk, facing west. Detective Edwards saw the suspect vehicle's airbag had deployed and he could see the suspect's head. Detective Edwards saw Detective [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]'s vehicle was approximately half a car length east of the suspect's vehicle. Both Detective [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were out of their vehicle, with their guns pointed at the suspect's vehicle. Detective [REDACTED] began making commands for the suspect to exit his vehicle.

Detective Edwards deployed his shotgun and walked over to Detective [REDACTED]'s car and took the bookman position, standing next to Detective [REDACTED]. Detective Edwards saw Deputy Galbraith was standing at the passenger door with him and Detective [REDACTED]. Within thirty seconds to a minute, Detective Edwards saw the suspect vehicle's backup lights came on and someone yelled out the reverse lights are on. Detective Edwards heard the tires squeal, so he moved away from the unmarked vehicle, fearing he was about to be rammed by the suspect. Detective Edwards moved north and saw the suspect's vehicle collide with the unmarked unit. After the suspect's vehicle struck the unmarked unit, he heard gunfire.

Detective Edwards said after the gunfire stopped, Detective [REDACTED] directed people to take different positions and assemble an approach team. He was a member of the approach team and saw the suspect was unresponsive. After the suspect was secured, Detective Edwards summoned fire (for further see pages 71-73 of the Homicide book) [Exhibit A].

## **Deputy Robert Galbraith**

Witness Deputy Galbraith was working with his partner, Deputy Campbell, as a part of Century Station's CIT Team when he heard radio traffic that a 212 Nora unit was in pursuit. Deputy Galbraith and his partner arrived at the pursuit terminus seconds after the suspect vehicle collided with parked vehicles at [REDACTED]. When Deputy Galbraith arrived at the scene, he saw deputies detaining the suspect at gunpoint and giving commands for the suspect to show his hands. Deputy Galbraith took a position next to Detective [REDACTED] at the open passenger side door of the unmarked patrol car.

Deputy Galbraith simultaneously saw the suspect's reverse lights come on as he heard someone say, "He put the car in reverse." Deputy Galbraith tried to brace himself, but the suspect's vehicle struck the unmarked patrol car. When the car was struck, it moved back and caused the open door to push Deputy Galbraith backwards and fall to the ground.

As Deputy Galbraith started to get up off of the ground, he heard gun shots. By the time Deputy Galbraith regained his balance, the gun shots had ceased. After the shots ceased, Deputy Galbraith moved to the rear of the unmarked vehicle. Deputy Galbraith held the suspect's vehicle at gunpoint as the sergeants assembled an arrest team and secured the suspect (for further see pages 73-74 of the Homicide book) [Exhibit A].

## **Sergeant [REDACTED]**

Witness Sergeant [REDACTED] was working Century Station patrol and preparing for briefing at the station, when he heard Detective [REDACTED]'s emergent radio traffic that he was in pursuit of a reckless deuce. Sergeant [REDACTED] responded from the station and heard the termination of the pursuit was at [REDACTED]. When Sergeant [REDACTED] arrived, he saw three to four black and white patrol vehicles and a sergeant's Tahoe.

Sergeant [REDACTED] saw Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had their guns pointed toward the suspect's vehicle. Detective [REDACTED] said the suspect was trapped inside the vehicle and was leaning forward and reaching under the seat. Sergeant [REDACTED] saw the suspect's vehicle was pushed up against the sidewalk and he saw the suspect leaning forward in the vehicle.

Sergeant [REDACTED] saw Sergeant Bardon was holding a Taser, so he retrieved the Arwen and stun bag shotgun from his vehicle and gave the stun bag to Deputy Campbell. As Sergeant [REDACTED] looked for a deputy to hand off the Arwen to, he heard the suspect's vehicle start to back up. Sergeant [REDACTED] saw the suspect's vehicle violently slam into the right front portion of the unmarked unit. As this occurred, he heard screeching tires, yelling and screaming. The suspect's vehicle moved forward and started to back up a second time toward the unmarked unit. Sergeant [REDACTED] then heard several rounds

being fired by the deputies. Sergeant [REDACTED] estimated the volley of rounds lasted two to three seconds.

Sergeant [REDACTED] assembled an arrest team and approached the vehicle once an overhead aero unit told the deputies there was no movement in the vehicle. Sergeant [REDACTED]'s arrest team secured the suspect and extracted him from the vehicle. Paramedics arrived five to seven minutes later (for further see pages 75-76 of the Homicide book) [Exhibit A].

### **Deputy Alexandro Gonzalez**

Witness Deputy Gonzalez was working as Century patrol unit 212 Frank when he heard radio traffic about a reckless deuce pursuit. Deputy Gonzalez responded toward the pursuit, but he heard the suspect vehicle was involved in a traffic collision with a parked vehicle at Norton and Santa Fe. When Deputy Gonzalez arrived at the pursuit terminus, he saw four black and white units and a slick car. Deputy Gonzalez took a position of cover behind an empty radio car that was facing east, just in front of his vehicle.

Deputy Gonzalez heard the suspect's engine revving and saw that it was up on the curb. He heard deputies giving verbal commands to the driver. After a minute or two, Deputy Gonzalez saw the suspect vehicle's reverse lights come on and then the vehicle began backing up. As the suspect's vehicle struck the unmarked unit, Deputy Gonzalez saw Deputy Galbraith get struck by the passenger door and fall to the ground. Deputy Gonzalez said he thought Deputy Galbraith was going to get caught under the door because the vehicle continued to move back. Deputy Gonzalez immediately heard gunfire.

When the gunfire ceased, Deputy Gonzalez saw the suspect's vehicle had stopped, but its reverse lights were still on and the suspect was slouched to his side. After a few minutes, an arrest team was assembled and approached the suspect. As the arrest team secured the suspect, Deputy Gonzalez maintained his position of cover (for further see pages 76-77 of the Homicide book) [Exhibit A].

### **Deputy Edgar Bonilla**

On June 21, 2010, at approximately 1115 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators Sergeant Jessica Brothers and Sergeant Trent Denison interviewed Witness Deputy Bonilla at Internal Affairs Bureau. Representing Witness Deputy Bonilla in this interview was Anna Slotky from the law firm of Green and Shinee. The following is a summary of that interview.

Deputy Bonilla and his partner, Deputy [REDACTED] were working overtime at the Anti-Cruising detail when they heard Detective [REDACTED] put out radio traffic that he was in



pursuit of a vehicle. Deputy Bonilla and Deputy [REDACTED] joined the pursuit at Norton Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard, as the second vehicle. Deputy Bonilla saw the suspect vehicle move in and out of traffic at very high rates of speed and sometimes Deputy Bonilla lost sight of the vehicle. Deputy Bonilla heard over the radio from Detective [REDACTED] that the suspect vehicle crashed at [REDACTED], but he did not see the collision.

Deputy Bonilla said his partner parked their patrol vehicle to the left of the unmarked unit, to conduct a felony traffic stop. Deputy Bonilla saw the suspect vehicle crashed into a car and pushed it onto the sidewalk. He noticed the suspect vehicle's air bag had deployed, but the suspect was reaching for something under the seat.

Deputy Bonilla grabbed the shotgun from his patrol car and took a crouching position to the left of Detective [REDACTED] who was behind the unmarked unit's driver's side door. Deputy Bonilla heard Detective [REDACTED] giving the suspect commands to show his hands. Detective [REDACTED] also said, "He's reaching, he's reaching!" Deputy Bonilla saw the suspect leaning over toward the passenger side of his vehicle, and partially out of his view.

Suddenly, the suspect's vehicle's reverse lights came on and the tires started screeching. Deputy Bonilla heard Detective [REDACTED] say, "He's backing up! He's backing up!" Deputy Bonilla saw the suspect's vehicle ram the front of the unmarked car. The force of the impact caused the driver's side door to strike Deputy Bonilla. Deputy Bonilla momentarily lost his balance and stumbled back. Deputy Bonilla regained his footing and put his shotgun back on target, when he saw the reverse lights come on again. Someone yelled, "He's going to back up again!" Deputy Bonilla heard the suspect vehicle's screeching tires and saw the vehicle angling back, toward the unmarked car. Deputy Bonilla pulled the trigger of the shotgun, but it did not fire. During this time, he heard gunfire from other deputies. Deputy Bonilla checked the safety and tried to fire a second time, but it did not fire. After attempting to rack another round into the shotgun's chamber, Deputy Bonilla realized the shotgun was unloaded.

Deputy Bonilla put down the shotgun and drew his Beretta, but the suspect's tires were no longer screeching and the shooting had stopped. Deputy Bonilla grounded his empty shotgun in the trunk of his vehicle and was a member of the arrest team. He approached the suspect's vehicle, but he saw the suspect was unresponsive. Deputy Bonilla said paramedics extracted the suspect from the vehicle (for further see pages 74-75 of the Homicide book and his IAB interview transcripts) **[Exhibit A]**.

## **Miscellaneous**

IAB Lieutenant Alicia Ault checked to see that the Watch Commander, Lieutenant Brackpool took reasonable steps to ensure that the involved party and witnesses did

not discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators, as well as the involved party and witnesses personnel did not collectively consult with their attorney or representative. In addition, IAB Lieutenant checked to see if the watch commander attempted to have the involved party and witnesses personnel gather in the company of a supervisor until they have provided a statement to the assigned investigators.